

June 1, 2021

One Korea Manifesto

We declare One Republic of Korea, not South Korea, not North Korea, just One Unified Korea. I believe what man has divided God shall unite. For us brethren to have fellowship in the right cause, is to love in good faith. We pray for reunification being loyal to our identity, as one we will step into the future. We demand the will of the nation as one, stand for the new era, the new generation. We shall rebuild order on a new constitution and be united. Why cannot we? Together we will walk the path of restoration to heal our land. No competition, no argument that only leads to conflict can answer the call of the land to redeem its people. All that is asked of you is to accept this gift of family.

Our hands did not make the land we are blessed with yet we claim it our own. We build boundaries to mark the territories; conquerors come and turn down the walls. Separate us in groups, make us choose sides for us to wage war against each other. We believe in a lie that our cause for everything was a lie. There is no enemy and there is no chain. Be not deceived any longer, rebel no more or we will destroy ourselves, the entire world included. We shall not be consumed by anger out of hatred and become one with it. Every one of us must know that it matters that you care for one another. To care for your own is nationalism and patriotism; to care for others than yourselves is being human. The ways of our deeds result in too many wonderful successes yet so as the sacrifices and consequences. In the end, the goodwill with why we do what we do remains forever. Why do we turn our backs on each other? To protect our own, to survive for ourselves? If nobody is willing to serve for the greater good of all then nothing can stop even protect anybody from their self-destruction, like cancer to the body that wishes to be independent from the whole. Humanity has not survived alone; we join in community and strive for civilization. Even if our leaders fail us our rulers betray us, the more reason we shall not turn our back on each other.

The past is full of resentment and remorse. We will not let history repeat itself. Evil shall not be generalized to the people of the north nor shall righteous be to the people of the south. Your brother and sister make mistakes, wrong decisions that do not make you different from them being a person. As part of one united whole we will put right our wrongs. To the neighboring countries, you befriend them and seek truce with your foreign enemies. How much more will you treat right your brothers and sisters. They are your closest neighbors whom you could love. Avenge not against your fellow man but instead sympathize with them; yet even more you can empathize with them in their darkest time.

We pay the price for what we want, so is the cost of its outcome. Freedom has a price. Fortune carries its own responsibilities and risks. Development leaves consequences. Actions bring pain. Life has days of suffering. It is us that makes it all worth it.

Be trustworthy stewards of the blessings from the land and its bordering seas. For the one who gives willingly from his stock the land shall sustain your needs. However, for the one who takes and hoard for the land is not enough for him much more shall be required of you. The blessing we receive from the beginning is of grace that deserves to be shared by the people. Is it not that your life does not belong to you, that death is waiting to take it? Your life should be for the people you love, not for the things you have held on dearly. Such sacrifice is the greatest there is.

Will you commit your life to this promise? To be loyal to your integrity, to serve for goodwill. A time of change is here. We shall celebrate a new start. Every new day is the next step, the opportunity to do good, to do what is right. I shall give you a word you will love, "kapwa". A gift from the filipino.